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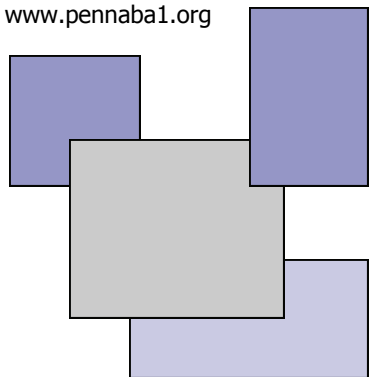
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## PennABA Executive Council Elections

The Pennsylvania Association for Behavior Analysis would like to welcome and introduce you to the newly elected members of the PennABA Executive Council.

**President, Keith E. Williams, Ph.D., BCBA-D.** Keith Williams is the Director of the Feeding Program at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center and an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Penn State College of Medicine. Keith has worked at the Feeding Program since its inception in 1997. The Feeding Program has treated children from 21 states and 5 countries outside the U.S. Keith conducts workshops and trainings on the behavioral treatment of childhood feeding problems both nationally and internationally. He has 30 publications related to feeding problems and child nutrition including the recent book co-authored with Richard Foxx, *Treating eating problems of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Developmental Disabilities*.

**Secretary, Lacey Bailey, M.A.** Lacey Bailey completed her undergraduate degree in Psychology at Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pennsylvania and is a recent graduate of the Applied Behavior Analysis Master's program at Penn State Harrisburg. She completed all three of her internship practicum experiences under the close supervision of Dr. Richard M. Foxx and colleagues. Lacey has been working in the human services field utilizing behavior analysis for over 5 years. She served as the secretary for Psi Chi, the National Honor Society of Psychology in 2008 and has been a member since 2006. This year will be the second year she has helped plan and organize the annual PennABA conference and her third PennABA conference since relocating to Central Pennsylvania. She has attended the National ABA conference the past two years, and this year in Phoenix, she will be displaying her second poster in addition to giving a presentation with Dr. Foxx and colleagues. Currently, she works as a private behavior consultant in Central Pennsylvania, primarily treating children and adolescents with severe problem behavior.

**Member at Large, Kelly Kates McElrath, Ph.D., BCBA.** Kelly Kates McElrath earned a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology with area specialization in Special Education from Temple University. She has been a Board Certified Behavior Analyst since 2000. Kelly currently works as an applied behavior analyst for the Bucks County Schools Intermediate Unit #22 serving classroom teachers and public school students diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. Additionally, she is an adjunct instructor in the College of Education at Holy Family University and in the College of Education (CITE) at Temple University. Kelly's experiences have included assessment and treatment of challenging behavior on an in-patient and out-patient basis, as well as school and home-based educational / language programming for students with autism and developmental disabilities. Her research interests include incorporating the functional assessment process into school settings and evaluating the outcome of educational programs for children with autism.

**Member at Large, Kathryn Peterson, M.A.** Kate Peterson is a recent graduate of the Applied Behavior Analysis Masters program at Penn State Harrisburg. She received her Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Nebraska at Omaha in Exercise Kinesiology. Kate has been heavily involved in the applied behavior analysis field for the past 4 years. During her graduate studies, she was a member of the National Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi. Since 2008, Kate worked as an Editorial Assistant for Behavioral Interventions, an internationally known, peer-reviewed journal. She has also worked as a graduate teaching assistant at the Pennsylvania State University, teaching several graduate Applied Behavior Analysis classes. Kate has been a volunteer for PennABA for the past two years, assisting with the planning and organization of the annual conference. She has attended two National ABA conferences and will be presenting with several colleagues and Dr. Foxx at this upcoming conference in May. Kate currently works as a private behavior consultant, treating severe problem behavior for Dr. Richard Foxx, Ph.D., BCBA.

**Student Representative, Lisa Stewart, B.S.** Lisa earned her Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology from the Fairmont State University in 2006. She has been a member of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, since 2003. Lisa is currently enrolled at the Pennsylvania State University's Applied Behavior Analysis graduate program in Harrisburg, PA, working towards her Master's degree. For the past two years, she has worked as therapeutic staff support. Her interests include working with high risk and severe behavior adolescents and students with autism.

## PennABA 2009 Conference Agenda

### Thursday, March 26, 2009

8:00 - 9:00	Conference Registration	
9:00 - 12:15	<b>Morning Workshops (Empire Rooms A &amp; B)</b>	
	<b>Workshop One</b>	<b>Workshop Two</b>
	<i>Legal, Ethical and Professional Issues in Behavior Analytic Practice</i> Presenter: <b>Suzanne Letso, M.A., BCBA</b> , 3 CEUs	<i>The Long Road Home: Building Cognitive and Behavioral Ramps to the Community</i> Presenter: <b>Dennis Russo, Ph.D., ABPP</b> , 3 CEUs
12:15 - 1:15	Lunch on your own	
1:15 - 4:30	<b>Afternoon Workshops (Empire Rooms A &amp; B)</b>	
	<b>Workshop Three</b>	<b>Workshop Four</b>
	<i>Recognizing and Resisting Fads and Unlikely Claims in Autism Services</i> Presenter: <b>James Mulick, Ph.D.</b> , 3 CEUs	<i>Extending Functional Analysis: Public Policy and Innovative Practice</i> Presenters: <b>Ray Romanczyk, Ph.D., BCBA &amp; Emily Huber Callahan, MS.</b> 3CEUs
5:30 - 7:00	Social Hour and Poster Session	

### Friday, March 27, 2009 (Cocoa Ballroom)

8:00 - 9:00	Conference Registration and Continental Breakfast	PennABA Council Business Meeting
9:00 - 10:00	<b>Speaker Series One</b>	
	<i>ASD and the Expression of Anxiety: From Phobias to Behavior Problems to Social Development</i> Presenter: <b>Ray Romanczyk, Ph.D., BCBA</b>	
10:00 - 10:15	Break	
10:15 - 11:15	<b>Speaker Series Two</b>	
	<i>Defining, Designing &amp; Delivering ABA School Programs for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders</i> Presenter: <b>Suzanne Letso, M.A., BCBA</b>	
11:15 - 12:15	<b>Speaker Series Three</b>	
	<i>What Natural Language Development Can Tell Us about Teaching Communication Skills to Young Children with Autism</i> Presenter: <b>James Mulick, Ph.D.</b>	
12:15 - 1:30	PennABA Luncheon ( <b>CRYSTAL ROOM A</b> )	
1:30 - 2:30	<b>Speaker Series Four</b>	
	<i>Providing Effective Practices to Children with Autism</i> Presenter: <b>Dennis Russo, Ph.D., ABPP</b>	
2:30 - 2:45	Break	
2:45 - 3:45	<b>Speaker Series Five</b>	
	<i>The Association of Professional Behavior Analysts: The Challenges and Responsibilities of Professionalism</i> Presenter: <b>Jim Johnston, Ph.D., BCBA</b>	
3:45—4:45	<b>Speaker Series Six</b>	
	<i>APBA Professional Practice Issues Panel Discussion</i> Presenters: <b>Conference Speakers with Richard M. Foxx, Ph.D., BCBA as Moderator and Panelist</b>	
4:45—5:00	Closing Remarks	

# PennABA 2009 Conference Registration

March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
The Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, Hershey, PA

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Affiliation:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	

May we include your contact information in future mailings?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
Are you a Board Certified Behavior Analyst?	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>

## PennABA Membership

Please check one option below to renew your PennABA membership or to become a new member of PennABA.  
Membership to PennABA is not required to attend the PennABA conference, but members enjoy a discounted conference rate for Workshops and the Speaker Series.  
The membership period begins on the first day of the annual conference and expires on the day before the following year's annual conference begins.

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Full Membership</b> <b>\$45.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>anyone holding a terminal degree in a discipline which is directly related to or involving behavior analysis and whose full-time profession commitment includes teaching, research, and/or practice in behavior analysis</li> <li>anyone engaged on a full-time basis in any profession or vocation that utilizes the principles or procedures of behavior analysis</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Affiliate Membership</b> <b>\$35.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>anyone interested in the discipline of behavior analysis, but who lacks formal training</li> <li>affiliate members enjoy all the benefits of membership except the right to vote on matters of interest to the organization and the right to hold office in PennABA</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Student Membership</b> <b>\$20.00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>anyone pursuing formal training in the discipline of behavior analysis but who is not yet gainfully employed therein on at least half-time basis</li> <li>student members may not vote or hold office</li> </ul>

## Workshop Registration \*

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Please check which workshop you wish to attend. Please only choose one workshop per session, as sessions run concurrently.  
BCBA, BCABA and Act 48 Credits available at no additional cost. Please have your certificate number available.

### MORNING SESSIONS

Workshop 1			Workshop 2		
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Student Member	Full / Affiliate Member	Non-Member	Student Member	Full / Affiliate Member	Non-Member
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00

### AFTERNOON SESSIONS

Workshop 3			Workshop 4		
<i>Recognizing and Resisting Fads and Unlikely Claims in Autism Services</i> Presenter: <b>James Mulick, Ph.D.</b> , 3 CEUs			<i>Extending Functional Analysis: Public Policy and Innovative Practice</i> Presenters: <b>Ray Romanczyk, Ph.D., BCBA &amp; Emily Huber Callahan, MS</b> , 3 CEUs		
Student Member	Full / Affiliate Member	Non-Member	Student Member	Full / Affiliate Member	Non-Member
<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00

## Speaker Series Registration

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Please register by membership type. Attendees can earn up to 6 CEUs for attending entire day.

Student Member	Full / Affiliate Member	Non-Member
<input type="checkbox"/> \$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$125.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00

Please Add Membership Dues, Workshop Fees and Speaker Series Fees.

Membership Dues:	
Workshop(s):	
Speaker Series:	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	

Please make checks payable to: **PENNABA**  
Please send Registration Form and fees to:  
PennABA  
P.O. BOX 361  
Hershey, PA 17033-0361

\* Registration is by day. Registrants can choose to attend Day 1 of the Conference (per Workshop) or Day 2 of the Conference (Speaker Series) or Both.

### Sincere Thanks to Outgoing PennABA Executive Council Members & Volunteers

PennABA would also like to thank Bill Helsel, Ed.D., BCBA, who served as PennABA President for the past three years. Dr. Helsel worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the annual PennABA conferences. He, along with former PennABA Secretary, Jonathan Ivy, developed the templates and tools that are still being used today in order to plan, organize and implement of our annual conferences. Former Secretary, Jonathan Ivy and Member at Large, James Meindl are currently pursuing Ph.D.'s at the Ohio State University, Special Education and Behavior Analysis Program. We wish them continued success in all their future endeavors. We would also like to thank former volunteers, Claire Ivy and Rosie Meindl. It is with the effort of these volunteers, Bill Helsel, Jonathan Ivy, Claire Ivy, James Meindl and Rosie Meindl that PennABA is the success that it is today and we are fortunate for them having been here.

### PennABA Annual Convention

The 2009 PennABA Convention will be held March 26th and 27th, 2009 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Our featured presenters include: Suzanne Letso, M.A., BCBA; James Mulick, Ph.D., Ray Romanczyk, Ph.D., BCBA, Dennis Russo, Ph.D., ABPP, and Jim Johnston, Ph.D., BCBA. For more information about the conference, visit us on the web at [www.pennaba1.org](http://www.pennaba1.org). We hope to see you there!